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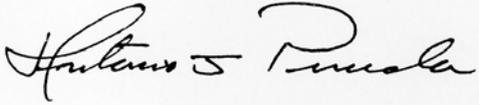
MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CAP UNIT COMMANDERS

FROM: CC

SUBJECT: Change to CAPM 39-1, CAP Uniforms

1. It gives me great pleasure to announce the Air Force has now authorized the wear of the Gortex parka for CAP members. This outer garment provides maximum protection from the elements and is now authorized for all members wearing the BDU uniform. This garment will be worn with an ultramarine blue embroidered device on the front tab (see atch 1). Cadet and senior member officers will wear the device with embroidered grade insignia. Cadet and senior member NCOs will wear the device with the embroidered CAP and metal grade insignia.
2. The Air Force has also authorized the wear of the ultramarine blue embroidered grade insignia centered on the BDU hat (see atch 2) by senior member officers. The grade insignia may be worn immediately and a mandatory wear date of 1 May 2007 has been established.
3. The NEC recently approved a proposal to change the design of the CAP Command Patch. The new design is shown in Attachment 3. Patches with this design are being created by Vanguard and should be available shortly. Members may begin wearing the new patch on the CAP distinctive blue flightsuit/jacket, utility uniform and the black leather jacket as soon as they are available. The Uniform Board is working on the specific implementation details now as well as requesting Air Force approval to change the patch worn on the AF-style green flightsuit and flight jacket. An additional announcement will be made as soon as the details are finalized.
4. The new Corporate Uniform has been well received and more and more members are wearing these combinations. The recent NEC clarified the policy concerning customs and courtesies when wearing this uniform. Members wearing the Corporate Service Coat or the white aviator shirt and blue pants/skirt combination should observe the same customs and courtesies as members wearing the Air Force-style uniform. Members will stand at attention for the National Anthem and the presentation of the colors and will salute superior officers as necessary. Additionally, the NEC also clarified that the Air Force inverted V tie-tab will be the authorized tie worn by female members with these combinations instead of the originally approved CAP floppy bow.

5. These changes will be reflected in the upcoming revision to the manual. If additional information or assistance is required please call Membership Services at 877-227-9142.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Antonio J. Pineda". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and "P".

ANTONIO J. PINEDA
Major General, CAP
National Commander

2 Atch

1. Gortex Parka
2. BDU Cap
3. Command Patch



Gortex Parka with CAP Distinctive Device
(Cadet and senior member NCO wear device with embroidered CAP but metal grade)



BDU Cap with Grade Insignia Worn by Senior Member Officers
(Worn centered ½ inch above the brim)



**Newly Approved Command Patch
(Worn on CAP distinctive blue flightsuit/jumpsuit or black leather jacket)**